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NEXT MEETING: PICNIC - SATURDAY Sept - 6th

Captain's Cabin

Chris Terkla, N1XS

Hi Team! I write this sitting in my hospital room wondering if I will be able to get it sent to you. If you can believe this, I have been waiting for five days for the boys at Verizon to get the phone line activated. I feel like the rarest of DX. I want to extend a special thanks to all of you who have sent cards, called and even visited. A very heart felt Thank You to you all.

I missed the FRC Picnic and have had a couple of good reports, I hope that all who went enjoyed the festivities. Joe, K3NM, has offered that next year the picnic should move further north into our turf. Let's start thinking about where a good location would be so that it can be appropriately scheduled! If we have it in our turf, we may need to reverse the duties and provide the vittles, but that would probably be appropriate, they have provided for us when we have had to travel. I guess it is difficult to haul everything the longer distance.

We have not heard the final results of the contests as this is written, and while the results are important, it is also important for us to proceed with plans to improve ourselves, and has been evident from the reflector, our stations! Be sure to take the time to review your UBN or LCR reports and try to determine where some of your points went last season. I am sure that we all took some hits, look into it and try to improve!

There are still some great little contests before the big contests start, and practice is never a bad thing. Even for your multi efforts, some of the little contests support that category, and it can be a great time to truly test your station, network, rigs and amps. This is specially important when you have made changes on the towers and antennas. Do all your switching devices still work? How about phasing and stacking hardware. Filtering? Stubs? New feedlines? How about the old ones that are still in place? There is an endless list of things to check, I probably can't even make an entire list…but as I have preached before, MAKE A LIST! If you keep a list and write the stuff you think of down, it is likely that you will get to it all, or at least most of it. You will be able to prioritize the items and help to insure that you, and your station will be ready for the upcoming contests and help the YCCC Kick Butt !

You know, I received in the mail this week a package from the guys at the picnic. Some of the folks from both clubs signed it with some little anecdotes. For those who were there, you may have noticed, but for others of you, let me offer one of the comments written on the plate. Although this was the only one, a visit to the FRC website to review their newsletters will let you know that this is not a lone sentiment. The inscription offered by W3BGN simply read "Beat YCCC". Keep it in mind Team, I assure you that every FRC member will be gunning for us!

Our own picnic is coming up fast, scheduled September 6, in Hopkinton, MA. The event is open to members and their families and you may bring along a guest (especially if they want to join!) and I hope to have a good turnout! We can celebrate our success in the "Drive for Five" and make some plans for populating the other hand with championship efforts! This is a 'Thank You' from the YCCC to you the members for your dedication in getting the YCCC to number one. Please come and enjoy the day.

BTW Verizon finally came today and turned the phone line on in my room (101) instead of where they had earlier done (111) …busted.

I downloaded just under 600 messages and have plodded through them. Whew…lots of reading! The mail thread on the BPL is very interesting to us, and concerning. It is indeed something that we need to watch and be proactive both as a club, and as individuals by notifying our congressman as appropriate to let them know our feelings on this issue.

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Although I have not read all of the information myself, I urge you all to do so. This will allow you to make informed and appropriate communications with your congressional representatives to help defeat this issue. Tom, K1KI's post is loaded with great links. Let us all watch this issue and especially to how the ARRL proceeds and support them as we can. I am sure that there will be some good direction for us as the BPL issue moves forward. Thanks to all of the folks who have been following this and providing some of the other links and information to the members on the reflector. This club is indeed a unique assembly of outstanding resources. Keep the good information flowing Team. It is always a benefit to us all!

Contest season is coming Team, are you QRV?

73 es KB de N1XS

Drive for Five Results!!!

CQWW 2002

YCCC	**486,010,298**
FRC	**421,657,738**
PVRC	**224,134,259**

ARRL DX 2003

YCCC	**267,042,084**	**Total**
	105,329,265	Phone
	162,167,238	CW
FRC	**253,249,236**	**Total**
	117,207,588	Phone
	136,041,648	CW
PVRC	**148,306,941**	**Total**
	55,801,389	Phone
	92,505,552	CW

Blitz For Six begins Sept. 6

Flotsam & Jetsam

Jack Schuster W1WEF w1wef@arrl.net

How does that saying go? Computers...I can't live with them...I can't live without them. I think I've at least temporarily resolved a long bout of computer problems that started with ARRL DX! I finally brought my computer in to a place here on Cape to have the flakiness looked at, and brought it home $100 later to find that after going into DOS I couldn't get back into Windows 98. Back to the shop, where this time a young kid worked on it instead of the owner. Looked like a high school kid to me, but maybe college. Anyway, after he went over it, reloading Windows 98 and defragging it, it's working like a champ. I had told the owner the first time that defrag wasn't working. Explaining to the kid why I wanted to use DOS, it turned out he had a Ham ticket! He said he just renewed it, so I guess it must have been about ten years ago that Henry, KZ1V, taught a class in elementary school and graduated something like 50 new hams!

Just did the IARU test, and decided to stick with it despite terrible WWV numbers at the start. Since I had gone back to Connecticut from the Cape just for the contest, I figured everyone had the same poor conditions and I didn't let the low rates compared to last year bother me. It looks like it was worth the effort, as conditions improved and 3830 shows me in the lead!

By the way, speaking of 3830, in case any of you kids out there wonder why it's called that... after all the major contests, in the days before packet and the internet, everyone reported how they did on 3830 immediately after the contest. Many still do go there, especially the multi-multis to see how they fared against KC1XX. (hi) Actually, 3830 was a gathering frequency every night, populated by both FRCers and YCCC.

In the last Butt, I asked a trivia question which no-one replied to. I guess either no-one knew the answer or no-one read it! I'll assume no-one knew the answer. The YCCC member who crossed the Atlantic in a small sailboat was none other than George Johnson, W1ZT. I thought I remembered that he did it solo, but there were two on board.
George knew celestial navigation but had little sailing experience. He flew to Barcelona, joined the skipper and his son, sailed the Med and to the Canary Islands where the skipper's son departed, and then George and the skipper sailed the route Columbus took to the West Indies. George kept a daily sked on 20M with W1WF (yes WF) and when they landed in Barbados he operated as 8P6JV for a few days from land. The boat was a 32 ft Golden Hind (single mast sloop) built in England. Sounds like quite an adventure in a fairly small boat!

Not to take anything away from George's feat, I just happened to meet a guy out in Nantucket sound the other day in a really neat looking rowboat. Turns out he had ROWED across the Atlantic once already, and was getting ready for another crossing! He should be halfway across when you read this.

Here's our trivia question for this issue: What club member was the super CW operator signing HH2VP in the late 70's and early 80's? You can submit your answers to me w1wef@arrl.net

While considering a new computer, a major concern I had was how I would run my DOS logging programs that I still love if the computer came with XP, as in the Dell computer I was considering. W1UK to the rescue! What Jim does is use a plug in hard drive on a slide out (I may be mixing up RV terminology with computerese). He has one hard drive loaded with Windows 98, and another drive loaded with XP. Just swap drives for DOS!

A friend told me of this neat website: "How Stuff Works" Take a look at http://www.howstuffworks.com

73, Barnacle JACK

YCCC Regular Meeting, June 7, 2003. Yoken's Conference Center, Portsmouth, NH

The meeting was called to order by Chris N1XS at 12:45pm EDT. Chris introduced Tom Richardson, AB1CL, president of the Port City ARC (W1WQM), celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Tom welcomed YCCC to Portsmouth and to NH on behalf of the PCARC.

An introduction of meeting attendees followed. Brian Lambert N1IK was introduced as a prospective new member. He was unanimously voted into YCCC. Upcoming events were reviewed, including IARU (July 12-13), the VHF Contest and Field Day.

George W1EBI gave the secretary's report. The YCCC registration was renewed with the ARRL Club Desk, listing 461 active members, defined as paid up through April 2002. Scuttlebutt will be sent to members in good standing, defined as having dues paid up through April 2003 (one year in arrears). Ed K1EP gave the treasurer's report. There is a balance of $6,600 in the club treasury.

Chris discussed the ongoing need for new members to maintain a strong club. He announced the YCCC 2003 Membership Challenge for recommending new members who are voted into membership. There will be awards for recruiting new members for the continued success of the YCCC fraternity. The award(s) will be announced at a later date. A new field will be added to the new member application form to indicate the referring member.

The attendees rose and observed a moment of silence in memory of departed member Dave Allen W1WAI (SK).

Chris announced two upcoming social events. There will be another joint YCCC-FRC picnic on Saturday, July 26, at Troy Hills Park, NJ, the same site as last year. There will also be a YCCC picnic in late August or early September (date TBA). Don K2KQ said the venue will most likely be in the Plymouth, MA, area on Saturday, September 6. Cooks are needed.

Chris suggested we consider a new challenge for YCCC in the 2003-04 contest season. Should we go for a major place in a EU contest? WAE? Should NEQP add a club competition? Should we make an all-out club effort in SS? Paul K1XM stated that it is well recognized that NE stations do not have a real chance to make Top Ten in SS because of geography.

Chris displayed the award presented by CQ Magazine to YCCC as Top Club in the 2001 CQWW CW Contest Unlimited Club category with 431+ million points. The award was accepted by past president, Jim K1IR, who agreed that awards are great, but it would be nice to elevate our overall club motivation and membership roster. Tom K1KI presented two gavels from ARRL for the "Medium Club" win in 2001 10 Meter Contest and Unlimited Club win in 2001 ARRL DX. K1IR accepted the gavels as well.

K1XM had one Alpha-Spid rotor available from a quantity buy.

KB1LN is starting a new RI chapter of QCWA.

Joe K1JB, substituting for K1EU, represented ME and presented a slide show and some great videos of their two-op 1989 DXpeditions to VK9LV Lord Howe Island, Sept Iles VE2CSI (October 1999), Isle of Man GD6IA (October 2001) and Bermuda VP9I (October 2002).

Joe K1JN gave an update on the computer equipment contributions to J3. The gear shipped, arrived and sat in Customs for a while. It has now been released and one full class for computer novices will start before this Fall at the local Youth Center.

Mark K1RX gave a presentation on M/M station design, based on his 30-plus-year history perfecting the art. He covered basic considerations, the critical success factor: interstation interference, areas of focus (real estate to antenna choices to terrain analysis to physical layout and equipment choices), location, and antenna and tower layout.

Paul K1XM and Charlotte KQ1F gave a terrific multi-projector slide show with professional narration on their November 2002 DXpedition to Sao Tome/Principe S9MX.

Chris thanked Frank W6FC for arranging the meeting and program in Portsmouth. He also announced that YCCC had made a one-time contribution of $500 to the W4AN websites (eHam.net and Contesting.com) in recognition of the significant value of these sites to the general ham population and to contesters in particular.

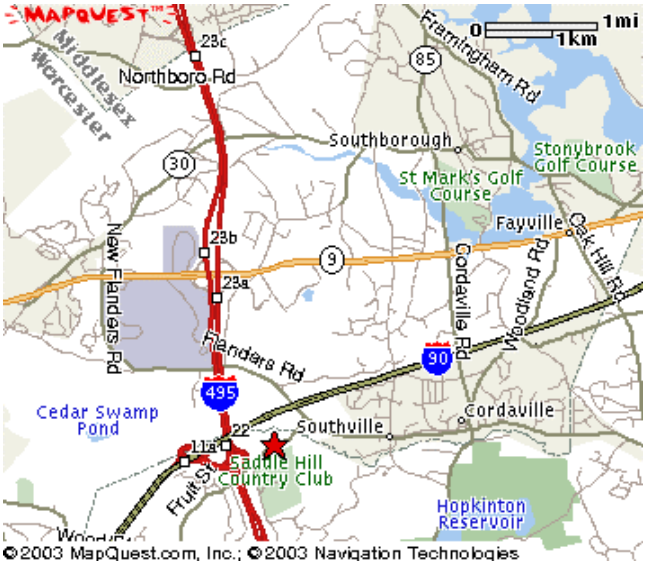
A total of 36 members signed in as present at the meeting, although some departed early. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm EDT.

YCCC Picnic

Saturday September 6th, 2003.

The YCCC picnic will be held at the Southborough Rod & Gun Club, home of W1SRG, on Saturday, September 6, 2003. The time will be 12 noon to 5 PM or ?? Talk-in will be on 145.27 (W1EMC repeater)

The Club is located on 254 Fruit St in Hopkinton, MA and is easily accessed from Rt 9. Here is a map and directions:



From points north come south on I-495 to the exit for Route 9 West, and then take the very first exit on Rt 9 for Flanders Rd/Computer Drive. At the top of the ramp go left, and then just ahead (100 yards) go left again to go over Rt 9. You will be on New Flanders Rd and follow it straight for about 2 miles or so. You will go under two sets of bridges for 495 and the Mass Pike, after the second set, be looking for the right hand turn for Fruit Street. There is a large median at this intersection and the is a sign for the Southborough Rod & Gun Club. Go right onto Fruit Street and follow it over a bridge. At the bottom of the bridge on the left is the entrance to the club. Follow the driveway to the left, around the pond and up the hill. There is parking there.

From points south come up I-495 to the Rt 9 West exit and follow the directions above.

From points west, follow the Massachusetts Turnpike to I-495 and take I-495 North for one exit to the Rt 9 West exit and follow the directions above.

From the east, follow rt 9 west towards 495 and take the first exit after 495 and follow the directions above.

The fare for the picnic will be hamburgers, hotdogs and sausages. We will have some salads and will provide soft drinks and coffee and watermelon. Adult beverages are your responsibility. The club does not have a license to sell alcohol.

If you want to give a hand with the picnic please let Joe, K1JN or myself know. Our contact information is elsewhere in the Butt. My best contact method for now is via email, until I get settled home again. - Chris

New Scuttlebutt Publisher
Jeff Demers, N1SNB

Please join me in welcoming Jeff Demers, N1SNB as your new Scuttlebutt Publisher. With this issue, Jeff takes over the task of printing, folding, stamping, addressing, and mailing the print version of the 'butt which we in the trade like to call the Snailbutt. Being publisher of the 'butt may seem like a pain in the butt (pun intended) although the same may be said of contesting, especially by non-contesters. To bring the Snailbutt to you email challenged readers every other month, Jeff will need to work with Editor Steve Rodowicz, N1SR, Secretary George Harlem, W1EBI, Treasurer Ed Parish, K1EP, and President Chris Terkla N1XS. Your elected and volunteer club officials help make things happen but it is really up to the membership to make the Club more than a virtual roster on a web page. We all have something to contribute to the common cause, be it writing an article, maintaining the website, presenting a topic at a meeting, arranging for a speaker, hosting a contest university or coordinating a local get-together. The strength of any organization, whether social, professional, or religious is based on the common interest and collective contributions of its membership. As we now wish Jeff every success in his new personal venture, let's think of what we can do to make this contest year another great one for the YCCC

73, Ned Swartz K1GU, Outgoing Publisher

NA2NA Node Update

Running AR-Cluster, the node has been up almost non stop.
The node is available via port 23 (standard telnet) at na2na.net or the old address na2na.homedns.org/
I am accepting other node connects and any telnet users. The local RF port is 144.93.
Please feel free to contact me you have any questions or concerns.... TNX Will NA2NA

Mate's Cabin

Joe Natale, K1JN

Hi Gang. Please join with me in wishing Chris a continued and speedy recovery from his recent surgery. I know he would appreciate hearing from you. I don't have a phone number for his latest location yet, but his current address is: SunBridge Care & Rehab of Milford, 10 Veterans Memorial Highway, Milford, MA 01757. He also checks his email and you can drop him a line or two that way. I spoke to him just prior to his latest move and he was sorely in need of a radio fix. He did have paddles and an oscillator with him however, so he should be ready to Kick Butt upon his release.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the joint FRC/YCCC picnic on July 26 in Old Troy Park in Parsippany, NJ. An absolute great time was had by all. Thanks to FRC president K3NM, Joe Brue and the rest of the membership for being such great hosts and providing plenty of food, drink, and hospitality. It was fun to meet the faces behind the calls and to discover that we have much in common, regardless of our affiliation as well as some good natured ribbing . There were about two dozen FRCers there and K2KQ, N2FF, W1JQ, N3KCJ, and myself from YCCC. The XYL's had their own activities thanks to Sarah Lindmeier, wife of John, K3ZV. There is talk of moving next year's event to shorten the drive times for members of both clubs and I highly recommend attending.

The next full meeting of the club will be a picnic and is going to be held on the grounds of the Hopkinton Sportsman's Association in Hopkinton, MA on Saturday, September 6th from noon until dusk. This should be a fun event, so make plans to take some time off from the antenna projects and swap a tale or two with your fellow team mates prior to the start of another contest season! I'd especially like to invite the newer members of the club to attend and take part.

Speaking of antenna projects, it's that time of the year again. I've noticed a fair amount of chatter on the reflector about ongoing projects and a lot of parts and accessories are changing hands. If you are contemplating upgrading your antenna system, now is the time to get started if you haven't done so already. If you need help in designing or implementing your particular installation, please ask. The resources of this club never cease to amaze me and many times, help is just an email away. I know of several projects in my local area that still need to be done and the next few weekends should be busy ones as we make the rounds. Hopefully everyone will be testing and operating instead of climbing as September fades into October. Now if only the weather would cooperate!

In the good news department, Tom Frenaye reports that for ARRL DX CW 2003, the ARRL website results show: YCCC 161,712,819 points and 106 entries, FRC 136,041,648 points and 80 entries, PVRC 92,505,552 points and 70 entries. While it looks like a comfortable lead so far, we're awaiting the ARRL DX Phone results to determine the final outcome of The Drive For Five!

Well, that's about it from here. I look forward to seeing many of you at the September picnic and as always, new members are welcome! If you know of any likely candidates, bring them along. Our strength lies in numbers and to continue to be successful we must continue to recruit and develop new members. The online roster has recently been updated by W1EBI and AD1C and shows 394 members paid up through 2003. That's an awful lot of potential, let's make the most of it in the upcoming season.

73 and Kick Butt!

Joe, K1JN

Movers & Shakers

New members:

Dean Whitsett N1SXL, Moosup CT
Jim Minnich KB1JCT, Providence RI
Brian Lambert N1IK, North Andover MA

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W1BK	w1bk@attbi.com
N1BU	n1bu@cox.net
KA1O	gregwp@comcast.net
NB1B	nb1b@comcast.net

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Ellington CT 06029

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PO Box 1101
Loxahatchee FL 33470-1101

New Call:
Dave Jordan K1NQ ex KC1Q

Regional Meeting: WMA

I am pleased to announce that there will be a Regional Meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club on Saturday, September 27,2003. The meeting will be held at the station of K1TTT, Dave Robbins, in Peru, MA. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. local time. This will be an official meeting; a YCCC Officer will be present. You can pay your dues and new members can join.

The purpose of the meeting is to introduce RTTY contesting to those unfamiliar with digital contesting or just to introduce digital ham radio.

The meeting will include a tour of Dave's multi-multi position contest station and antenna farm. There are many new antennas to see along with numerous station improvements.

There will be a live contest in progress, the CQ-RJ RTTY Test. The defending USA multi-single low power champs will be operating. The team set a new US record last year. The team is dedicated to being World Champs this year.

Dave is currently looking for operators for the CQWW SSB Contest in October, if you have an interest in participating, this would give you an excellent preview of all that is involved.

If you know anyone that would like to learn more about YCCC or to join the club please pass this information on to them, all are welcome.

Please let Dave or me know if you plan to attend.

Directions to K1TTT are located on Dave's web site:

http://www.k1ttt.net/overview.html
e-mail k1ttt@arrl.net or w1to@arrl.net

Tom Homewood, W1TO
Western Mass. Section Manger YCCC

YCCC Reflector

You may not currently participate in the YCCC e-mail reflector. It is open to members only, and is a great resource to exchange information or other information with your fellow members. If you have e-mail and are not currently participating in the reflector, you may wish to consider joining it. Hey, you could maybe even save yourself five bucks on your dues if you choose to receive the Scuttlebutt by e-mail! This is the link on the website to get you to register for the reflector. I urge you to take advantage of this resource!

http://www.yccc.org/Members/reflector.htm

CQ/RJ RTTY TEST Operators Needed

I am looking for an operator or two for the CQ/RJ RTTY Contest, especially for Friday night and during the day Saturday. This contest is September 27-28. We will be doing M/S Low Power to defend our U.S. win from last year and try to take back the North American title or maybe finally beat those Z3's for the World title.

David Robbins K1TTT
e-mail: mailto:k1ttt@arrl.net
web: http://www.k1ttt.net
AR-Cluster node: 145.69MHz or telnet://dxc.k1ttt.net

VP9GE QTH Available for CQWW

The VP9GE QTH is available for CQWW SSB and CQWW CW. If you wanted to try a contest expedition, this is a good place to operate. Ed has antennas, can get you an operating permit, and has a couple spare radios if needed. Power is limited to 150 watts input, but that isn't any problem with a VP9 call. It is suitable for a comfortable one or two person operation. His facilities are immaculate. I would be glad to answer any questions about the setup as I have been there many times. There are no hassles with customs and it is a real stress free deal. To find more info, do a "search" for VP9GE. (He has the call VP9I available for the "Bermuda DX Club" contest operation.) Kurt, W6PH

YCCC/FRC Picnic

What has become a traditional get-together of YCCC and FRC was held on Saturday, July 26, 2003 at Old Troy Park in Parsippany, New Jersey.

As in the past, FRC bought and cooked the food, YCCC paid the park fee and everyone who attended had a great time.

If you haven't been there, the site is a beautiful Morris County park with a covered pavilion, a great brick barbecue, lots of places to sit and gab...and so far our track record has been perfect. We once again had perfect weather.

Attendance was down on both sides, but many of the old FRC diehards were there, including Alex, W2OX, John, W2GD, Chas K3WW, Bob, KQ2M, W3BGN, NA2M...

There were even a few YCCCers there...but not many.

We discussed moving the venue somewhat deeper into YCCC country next year and we agreed that someplace on the west side of the Hudson near I-84 (somewhere around Stewart Airport?) would make a good compromise. YCCC could draw from the Albany crowd, FRC would draw more of their Pennsylvania people and it would be an hour or more closer for many of the Connecticut and Massachusetts people.

This is a wonderful annual event and both clubs would like to see a big crowd next year.

If you have comments or suggestions, they are certainly welcome.

Don...K2KQ

California QSO Party (CQP) 2003

http://www.cqp.org/

1600Z October 4, 2003 -- 2200Z October 5, 2003
Sponsored by the Northern California Contest Club (NCCC)

Start your contest season with a "big bang" in CQP 2003. Participation was up a whopping 21% in CQP 2002. Come join us and win awards (plaques and wine), earn a certificate, buy a t-shirt and most importantly "have fun" in one of the largest state QSO parties.

Last year 20 clubs turned in scores for the "Top Non-California Club" plaque. The Tennessee Contest Group won the plaque with 16 logs and a score of 703,996 points. View the TCG 2002 plaque at http://www.k4ro.net/tcg.html

OBJECT
Stations outside of California work as many California stations in as many CA counties as possible (CW and phone, 160-80-40-20-15-10-6-2 meters). Stations in California work everyone.
* Updated MS rule for 2003 unlimited band changes!
* Complete rules and other info http://www.cqp.org/

EXCHANGE
* Stations outside of CA send QSO # & U.S. State, ARRL Canadian section, or Country.
* California stations send QSO number and county.

AWARDS
The most plaques and awards in any state QSO party
* 34 Plaques (wood and metal, not mere wallpaper!)
* 40 Bottles of California wine (commemorative CQP labels with your call sign)
* Certificates to the top Single-Operator in every state, province, country, and CA county
* Certificates to each and every entrant who makes at least 100 QSOs

Commemorative CQP 2003 T-shirts are available for urchase if you make at least 100 QSOs (waived for DX entries). Please include your size (M / L / XL / XXL) and $10 ($15 for DX entries).
PLEASE SEND IN YOUR LOGS !
Complete and final rules and other information at http://www.cqp.org/

Free logging software CQPWin at http://www.cqp.org/Software.html

Entries must be submitted no later than November 15.
* Submit Logs by e-mail to cqp@contesting.com
* Submit via postal mail to: NCCC, c/o Al Maenchen, AD6E, 3330, Farthing Way, San Jose, CA 95132-1908.

- Marc, W6ZZZ, a member of the CQP Publicity Team

YCCC CLUB RESOURCE INFORMATION

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP STUFF Dues are payable as of the April election meeting, which begins our club "contest year". The YCCC has adopted a multi-tiered membership format as follows: Please note that payment of dues IS NOT a prerequisite for contributing scores to the Club aggregate, but IS for the various YCCC Awards Programs

Full Member - $20 (Eligible for YCCC awards programs and paper delivery of Club newsletter)

Full Member - $15 (Eligible for YCCC awards programs and electronic "Ebutt" delivery of Club newsletter)

Family Member - $0 (Grants full membership to all amateurs residing at one domicile on payment of one member's "Full Member" annual dues and entitlement to one Club Newsletter sent to one domicile or email address. All members of said family are eligible for YCCC awards programs.)

Student Member - $10 (Grants full membership to students at a reduced level. Eligible for YCCC awards programs and paper or electronic delivery of the Club Newsletter.)

Subscription - $** (A "friend of YCCC" - not a member but a possible candidate for future membership. Receives club newsletter only in paper or electronic form. Fee basis is $20 for overseas paper delivery, $15 for domestic paper delivery and $10 for electronic "Ebutt" delivery domestically or overseas.)

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CLUB GOODIES *BADGES* YCCC badges are available from Ric, KV1W. Send $2, name and call desired on the badge, and your mailing address to: Ric Plummer - YCCC Badge, PO Box 1158, Berlin, MA 01503-2158.

APPAREL Contact Bob Rogers **KB1LN@yahoo.com**

QSL CARDS are ordered through John Dorr, K1AR. To order, send John packet mail, or E-mail at **k1ar@contesting.com**, detailing exactly what you want the card to say. There are 2 lines of text available for awards, etc. You will receive a proof by return mail. Approve the proof, making any corrections, and return to John *with payment* (make checks out to John, not YCCC). Current price is $68 (delivered) for 2000 cards. Normal turnaround is 30 days after approving proof.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER is posed on the YCCC website. Updates are published in 'Movers and Shakers' when members move or change callsigns.

COMPUTER STUFF ***INTERNET REFLECTOR*** There is an Internet mailing list for YCCC members. To subscribe, send mail to yccc-request@yccc.org. Include the word "subscribe " in the body of the mail message. (Do not send messages to the reflector that have file attachments, HTML formatting, use boldface or other fancy fonts, etc.)

WWW HOME PAGE Come visit us at http://www.yccc.org Our Webmaster is Mike Gilmer, N2MG.

ADMINISTRATIVE STUFF ***The W1 QSL BUREAU*** is sponsored by the YCCC. Keep your account up to date by sending a check. Stamps are sold at face value, envelopes are 10 cents each. Address: W1 QSL Bureau, PO Box 7388, Milford, MA 01757-7388. Email address: **w1qsl@yccc.org**. ***PACKET NETWORK*** information is available from Charlie Carroll, K1XX, Candlelight Rd., Rindge NH 03461.

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ARRL LIAISON: Tom Frenaye, K1KI.

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Type	Place
Sept 6 12:00PM – 8:00PM	PICNIC http://www.yccc.org	Hopkinton, MA

Ship's Log	August 2003	Issue 167
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YCCC/FRC Picnic	Don Torman - K2KQ	8

Next General Meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club

PICNIC

Saturday September 6th – 12:00-8:00PM

Southborough Rod & Gun Club - 254 Fruit St, Hopkinton, MA

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